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Island Insight

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Wall That Heals Strikes Emotional Chord in Local Community

Vietnam War veterans were honored here, July 30, during RIA's Vietnam War 50th anniversary celebration. As part of the celebration, the Wall That Heals, a half sized replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington DC, was brought to the arsenal. The Vietnam War claimed more than 58,000 U.S. Military lives and divided a nation. President Lyndon B. Johnson never officially declared war, resulting in questions about U.S. involvement. With new media technology, Americans watched the horrors of war on their television screens for the first time. Returning military, many draftees, were not welcomed home, which is still seen as one of the greatest injustices in U.S. Military history. "They didn't choose to go there, they just did their duty," said Command Chaplain Jeffery Botsford (Lt. Col.), U.S. Army Sustainment Command. "They came back doing the best they could, and then they were treated pretty poorly by a lot of folks, not everyone, but a lot of folks." Botsford led the prayer during the replica's opening ceremony. ([More](#))



Upcoming Dates

Aug. 1-31: Feds Feed Families Food Drive

Aug. 7: First Friday Social, Quarters One Lawn, 4 p.m.

Aug. 7-8: Iowa Sales Tax Holiday

Aug. 11-13: DA Photography, Bldg. 90, Basement, Rm. B11, 7:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.

Aug. 12: Tenant Senior NCO Mtg., Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.

Aug. 16: Spirit of '45 Ceremony, 70th Anniversary of the end of WWII, Rock Island National Cemetery, 11 a.m.

Aug. 17-21: Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program, Bldg. 56, 8 a.m.

Aug. 17-21: Financial Fitness Week, ACS, Bldg. 110, 12-1 p.m.

Aug. 19: RIAWC Super Sign Up, Quarters One, 10 a.m.

Aug. 19: Installation Electronic Town Hall, 6 p.m., RIA Facebook

Aug. 20: Women's Equality Day Observance, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 1 p.m.

Aug. 21-23: Tribute to Our Fallen, Davenport Memorial Park

Aug. 22: NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition, Cannon Flats, 10 a.m.

Aug. 22: Military Family Fun Night, Longview Park & Whitewater Junction, 3 p.m.

Aug. 23: Croquet Tournament, Quarters One, 2 p.m.

Aug. 27: Newcomer's Orientation and Tour, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 8 a.m.

Aug. 27: CHPC Session 2, Wheeler Conf. Rm., Bldg. 350, 9 a.m.

RIA Personnel Refresh Their Riding Skills with Motorcycle Safety Training

Ten Soldiers participated in an advanced motorcycle safety class in order to fulfill their mandatory Army Regulation 385-10 training requirements, here, July 30. Beginner and experienced classes were available this week as a part of the U.S. Army's continued effort to decrease motorcycle fatalities. "Motorcycle fatalities are the number one cause of loss of life for Soldiers in peacetime," said Jesse Cefin, instructor with Cape Fox Government Contracting from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The visiting instructors taught one basic and one advanced course this week. The basic riding course was a 15-hour, two-day course. It required five hours in the classroom and 10 hours on the range where participants rode 250CC motorcycles that met specific height and safety standards. ([More](#))



Unique Contracting Approach Brings Big Work to Small Business

An Army Contracting Command-Rock Island team recently executed a unique acquisition strategy to meet a continually growing need for contractors supporting the sustainment of the Logistics Modernization Program, a computer-based system which integrates daily business processes in one accessible location. The LMP currently serves over 21,000 users at over 50 Army and Department of Defense locations. It manages approximately \$22 billion in inventory, and handles over 2 million transactions daily. The LMP also interfaces with more than 70 DoD systems with millions of inbound/outbound transactions processed on a weekly basis. ([More](#))



Army Reviewing Rules for Maternity, Paternity Leave

The Army is reviewing its policies regarding maternity and paternity leave and how long new mothers have at home before they can be called to deploy. "There is no predetermined timeline for completion of this review," Hank Minitrez, a spokesman for the Army, said. It follows recent policy updates by the Navy Department and Air Force. New mothers in the Navy and Marine Corps are now eligible for up to 18 weeks of postpartum maternity leave, according to a policy change that took effect Wednesday. That number includes the six weeks that was already available immediately after giving birth. The additional maternity leave can be spread through the first year of the child's life and is part of a Navywide push to attract and retain more women who leave the Navy at a much higher rate than men, particularly when starting a family. ([More](#))



Fall Start Date Eyed For New Arsenal Security Procedures

Implementation of plans for new security procedures for visitors to the Rock Island Arsenal have been delayed, officials say, because of holdups in construction and hiring. Still, the Army says the island is processing hundreds of yearlong passes that will be part of the new system — and that the installation still is welcoming visitors. In April, Army officials said they were working on a new system that would require visitors to undergo background checks. They'd hope to put the plans in place in mid-July. But now, it appears it will be fall before that is done. "We know it will be fall," said Col. Elmer Speights Jr., the garrison commander. He said the ability to do background checks on prospective employees needed for the new system were slowed by a breach in a government

database about six weeks ago. In June, the government announced that a personnel database had been hacked. Delays in construction at the Moline visitors control center, where background checks would be done, also have had an impact. ([More](#))

For Those Still Unsure, Army Defines 'Online Misconduct'

If Soldiers were still unsure of what bad behavior looks like online, the Army clarified it for them in an "All Army Activities" message -- commonly called an ALARACT -- that went out force-wide last week. Online misconduct, it says, is "the use of electronic communication to inflict harm. Examples include, but are not limited to: harassment, bullying, hazing, stalking, discrimination, retaliation, or any other types of misconduct that undermine dignity and respect." The ALARACT 122/2015, which comes as part of an effort to address Soldier use of social media and other online forms of communication, also defines good behavior online, "electronic communication," and "online-related incident." The ALARACT emphasizes commanders' responsibility to "reinforce a climate where current and future members of the Army team, including Soldiers, Army civilians, contractors, and Family members, understand that online misconduct is inconsistent with Army values." ([More](#))



Federal Hiring Reform Bill Heads for Obama's Signature

The Senate this week passed a bill to ease the transition from temporary employment to a full-time job for certain seasonal workers, sending the reform to President Obama, who is expected to sign it into law. Congress' bipartisan approval marked a breakthrough on an issue lawmakers have attempted to address for more than two decades. The Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act, which won unanimous support in the Senate after also advancing without opposition in the House last month, would give temporary seasonal employees at land management agencies a leg up when applying for permanent positions. ([More](#))



Some Federal Employee Life Insurance Rates to Rise; Others to See Decrease

On the heels of an immediate premium hike in the long-term care insurance program for federal employees, some rates are going to increase in 2016 in their much more widely used life insurance program — although others will hold steady and still others will decrease — the Office of Personnel Management is about to announce. OPM plans to publish a notice Friday of new rates to be effective in January in the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance program, affecting retirees under the basic form of coverage, as well as both active employees and retirees with add-on forms of coverage. For the retiree basic coverage, premiums will rise upwards of 10 percent. The picture is mixed for the additional forms of insurance, though, generally with decreases at younger ages but increases at older ages. ([More](#))



Milley Confirmed As CSA, Murphy Nominated For Under Secretary

The Senate confirmed Gen. Mark A. Milley, Aug. 5, to become the 39th chief of staff of the Army. He will succeed Gen. Ray Odierno in a change of responsibility ceremony scheduled for Aug. 14, at 10 a.m., on Summerall Field, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia. Also on Aug. 5, President Barack Obama nominated Patrick J. Murphy to be the next under secretary of the Army, a post currently held by Acting Under Secretary Eric Fanning. ([More](#))

Army Leaders: Trust, Ethic Are Foundation of Force

The Army profession is built on trust that starts with every member of the total force, the Army's most senior civilian and military leaders said. These leaders and some West Point cadets were among the 270 people, who attended a conference on the Army Ethic at the U.S. Military Academy here. The July 27-28 event, facilitated by the Center for the Army Profession and Ethic, centered on the strategic stewardship of the Army profession. ([More](#))

10th Annual Shoes for Veterans Drive

IowaWORKS – Eastern Iowa's Davenport Center is holding its 10th Annual "Shoes for Veterans" Drive **July 1 through Sept. 11** leading up to the bi-annual Quad Cities Bridging the Gap: One Day "Stand Down" for Homeless Veterans. All donations will be distributed to our veterans at the "Bridging the Gap" Quad City Homeless Veterans "Stand Down" Sept. 17-19 at the Quad City Expo Center in Rock Island. All monetary donations for footwear are tax deductible and will be graciously accepted. Donations of new shoes (or monetary amounts) can be dropped off on Arsenal Island at R.I.A. Federal Credit Union during banking hours, as well as at IowaWORKS – Eastern Iowa, 902 W. Kimberly Road from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, or can be picked up by veterans representatives [Jennifer Toenjes](#), 563-445-3200 ext. 43348, or [Craig Norris](#), 563-445-3200 ext. 43307.

Ammunition & Explosives Amnesty Day

Rock Island Arsenal will host an Ammunition and Explosives (A & E) amnesty day on **Aug. 11**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., outside of Bldg. 25 (the area right before entering the Arsenal from the Moline Bridge, which will be clearly marked). Military issued A & E will be collected only, not commercial. The intent of this process is to provide people a safe way to dispose of A & E. This process, by regulation, allows this to happen anonymously, without fear of reprisal. POC: [Jeff Totton](#), Quality Assurance Specialist Ammunition Surveillance, ASC, 309-782-7796.



VIOS Schedule for August & September

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **Aug. 11, 12, & 13** and **Sept. 8, 9, & 10**. Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the [VIOS site](#) for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 90, Basement, Room B11). Priority is: 1. Active Duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official Government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - Command Photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. All scheduled dates can be found on the [RIA VIOS website](#).

Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the room outside the Lock and Dam Lounge (in Bldg. 60), on **Friday, Aug. 13 & 20, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119. A **2nd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **6:30 p.m. on Aug. 13 & 20**. A **3rd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on Aug. 28**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor. **DMC** will host a blood drive **1-4:30 p.m., on Aug. 13**, in the MVRBC Donor Bus parked at Bldg. 350. To donate, please Sgt. First Class Jared Clapper at 309-782-5485 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 1554 to locate the drive.



July & August Blood Drive Hours Extended, Trial Basis: *"The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center drives at Rock Island Arsenal will feature extended hours from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. for the months of July and August. This is taking place as a trial to see if the extended hours will facilitate and enable more Arsenal Island employees to give who may not otherwise have the time in their schedule."*



Summer Blood Donors Entered into Drawing for a 2015 Jeep Patriot: *"This summer, you could win a 2015 Jeep Patriot by giving blood with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center! It's part of the "Made in the USA" promotion to support the blood supply through the difficult summer months, when the rate of blood donation drops by about 20 percent.."*

Also, a slight change in that every donor must present photo ID or a blood donor card to be eligible to donate blood. Arsenal badges are acceptable. The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information [click here](#).

Rock Island National Cemetery Holding Event Commemorating End of WWII

The Rock Island National Cemetery will be commemorating the end of World War II by participating in a "70th Anniversary Commemorative Tribute – Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive" event on Sunday, **Aug. 16**, at 11 a.m. Cemetery staff will host a wreath laying ceremony to honor those members of the Greatest Generation that are buried at Rock Island National Cemetery. The ceremony specifically include a wreath laying, rifle salute (Moline American Legion 246), and the playing of Taps (John Adams, Davenport American Legion 26). The Arsenal workforce and the public are cordially invited to attend. The ceremony will be held at the main flagpole circle in the cemetery. Feel free to visit the website for Spirit of '45 at www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/Spirit_of_45.asp.



Walking Tours of Locks & Dam 15 in August

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' park rangers from the Rock Island District at the Mississippi River Visitor Center, located at Locks and Dam 15 at the west end of Arsenal Island, will conduct two walking tours of Locks and Dam 15 every Saturday and Sunday; one at 10 a.m., and another at 2 p.m. Each tour will last approximately 30 minutes and is weather dependent. Tour size is limited and proper footwear is required. No open toe shoes, sandals or high heels will be permitted. Call 309-794-5338 for information or to register.

Tribute to Our Fallen

Since its inception in the summer of 2004, one year after the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom, a small group, now known as the Mississippi Valley Patriots, has put together a special event to honor those brave souls who had made the ultimate sacrifice. Today Tribute to Our Fallen annual event, held at the Davenport Memorial Park, has grown exponentially. The first few years were dedicated solely to the military in Iraq, Afghanistan, the first responders and civilians lost on 9/11. Since 2008's event, veterans of all eras have been included in this very special remembrance. The event this year is **Aug. 21-23** and is free to the public. Tribute to Our Fallen is staffed around the clock from the opening ceremony, Friday, **Aug. 21**, at 7 p.m., to the closing ceremony, Sunday, **Aug. 23**, at 4 p.m. There are several events scheduled throughout the weekend. The key note speaker is Debbie Lee, GSM/mother of Marc A. Lee, U.S. Navy SEAL, KIA, Aug. 2, 2006. Please invite a friend. Volunteers are always welcome to join on Friday, **Aug. 21**, for setup. ([More](#))



Croquet Tournament Fundraiser to Help Historic House

Step back in time for the fourth annual Colonel's Croquet Party on Sunday, **Aug. 23**, on Arsenal Island at 2 p.m. Dress in your croquet whites (not required) to play the same game of croquet you play in your backyard. Croquet courts will be set up on the lawn of the historic Quarters One, next to the Arsenal Golf Club. Teams of two can play in the fun round-robin tournament. Or there will be courts set up to just join in the fun and play croquet with other enthusiasts in the Quad Cities. We are going to have shorter courts for faster play this year. The championship court will still be full-size. Teams in the tournament portion are awarded a point for each wicket they pass through. There will a review of nine-wicket rules before play begins. Players will compete for the coveted Colonel Davenport trophy. Tickets are \$25 for adults; and \$10 for children 11 years and younger to attend the Colonel's Croquet Party. Hors d'oeuvres, croquet play, wine tasting, and tours of the house are included. This is a rain or shine event. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Jessica Waytenick at 309-737-4280 or purchase tickets online at www.davenporthouse.org.



S★A★M★C "To Hell and Back" 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk

The Rock Island Arsenal Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is having its Inaugural "To Hell and Back" 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, **Sept. 12**, beginning at 8 a.m. at Memorial Field. All participants will receive an event t-shirt. Pre-registration for the event and a listing of start times for the individual events are at www.getmeregistered.com/tohellandbackrun. Cost is \$35 per person; active duty are free (however if they want a t-shirt they must purchase it). Packet pick up begins at 7 a.m. Winners will be presented with an award at the end of the run to the top three male and female finishers in the competitive 10K. All proceeds support the SAMC Scholarship Fund.



NDIA & WID Sponsor Free Day at Putnam Museum

The Iowa-Illinois Chapter members of the National Defense Industrial Association, as well as Women In Defense, are inviting you to a free day at the Putnam Museum, including a free showing of the D-Day movie narrated by Tom Brokaw, on Saturday, **Sept. 12**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., to celebrate the NDIA chapter's



70th birthday. Included in the events for the day are: • Early entry to the museum for a private viewing of the Arsenal of Innovation exhibit. An exhibit that describes the inventive and innovative spirit of Rock Island Arsenal. • Showing of the movie D-Day Normandy 1944 in 3D. Discover a new perspective on how D-Day changed the world. • Enjoy a lunch of pulled pork, smoked chicken and hot dogs with all the fixings on the balcony overlooking the Quad Cities. • Enjoy all the Putnam exhibits after the official events have been completed. All these events and more are free to Iowa-Illinois Chapter members to celebrate our 70th anniversary of promoting national security. The event is free for up to five immediate family members and all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. You can sign up for this event by going to the [Iowa-Illinois web site](#) starting Saturday, **Aug. 1**. Further questions regarding this event may be addressed to Bob Radkiewicz at 309-798-8574.

Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club Super Sign Up

The RIAWC is having a "Super Sign Up" on Wednesday, **Aug. 19**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., in Quarters One. Come out and greet old friends and meet new ones. The club is open to active duty, Reserve and National Guard spouses (all ranks and branches of service), military retiree spouses, civilian employee spouses, retired civilian employee spouses, and other federal government spouses. The purpose of the RIAWC is to develop and foster a spirit of Quad-City Area community responsibility at Rock Island Arsenal, to provide opportunities for social, cultural and creative pursuits and to support worthwhile service and community projects. A fundamental purpose of the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is to generate funds to support service members and their families, government employees, and other charitable endeavors on Rock Island Arsenal and within the Quad-Cities metropolitan areas. RIAWC is built on the six core values of friendship, service, integrity, generosity, accountability, and courtesy. These values serve as the organization's foundation and establish the character and identity of RIAWC and its members. ([More](#))

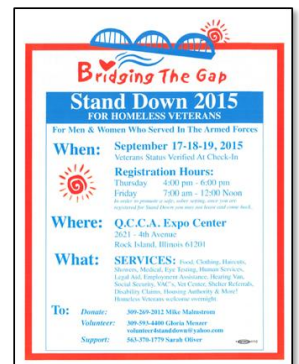


Quad-Cities Career Fair, Military, Vets Early Entrance

Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Ill., will host the 5th Annual Quad-Cities Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, **Aug. 21**, at the Black Hawk College Gymnasium, Building 3, 6600 34th Ave., Moline. The event is in partnership with the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Qualified individuals will have the opportunity to connect with area businesses and service providers seeking employees. **Early admission for all active-duty military members and veterans will take place from 9-10 a.m.** For further information and to RSVP, visit <http://bustos.house.gov/quad-cities-career-fair>.

"Stand Down" Bridging the Gap Hosts Event for QC Homeless Veterans

Bridging The Gap-QCA will be holding a Stand Down for homeless veterans **Sept. 17, 18, & 19**, at the QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island. The purpose of Stand Down is to provide a one-stop-shop for homeless veterans to find homeless services. Thirty-plus Quad-City area agencies are expected to attend the event to offer services to homeless veterans to include food, clothing vouchers, haircuts, VA medical, human services, mental health services, legal aid, VA employment assistance, Social Security, VAC's, Vet Center, and goodwill employment services. "Bridging the Gap" Homeless Veterans Stand Down is more than an assemblage of services. It is a group of volunteers and participants brought together in the spirit of caring and respect to inspire the hope and strength and will of the homeless veteran so each can gather the individual, internal energy and initiative to rebuild his or her life. Iowa Workforce Development "veterans representatives"



have ensured that our veterans are well equipped to weather the harsh winter months with winter boots, shoes, coats and clothing donated by residents and businesses of the Quad Cities area and of surrounding communities in Eastern Iowa. The point of contact for the event is [Craig Norris](#), 563-445-3200 ext. 43307.

U.S. Navy Seabees' 6th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The U.S. Navy Seabees' 6th Annual Spaghetti Dinner, this year commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, will be held on Saturday, **Sept. 19**, at 5 p.m., at American Legion Post 26, 702 W. 35th St., Davenport. The dinner is hosted by U.S. Navy Seabees Veterans of America, Island X-2 Davenport, Vietnam Veterans of America 776, Davenport American Legion Post 26, and Eldridge American Legion Post 639. The cost of the dinner is \$10 and the evening will feature door prizes, raffles and a 50/50 drawing. Proceeds go to the Seabees unit who will donate the money to other organizations. Tickets are available at American Legion Post 26 or by calling [Bruce Cheek](#) at 563-349-4129.



Save the Date – 8th Annual Cards for the Troops

Please join us on Tuesday, **Sept. 29**, 6:30-9 p.m., at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, for the 8th Annual Cards for the Troops. Hand-made rubber stamp art cards are created by hundreds of volunteers under the guidance of local stamping artists for our deployed troops to mail home to loved ones. No stamping experience required. To date, 36,000 cards have been sent through Cards for the Troops to our military serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa, and to those aboard our aircraft carriers, the USS Carl Vinson and the USS John C. Stennis. Seating is limited... please RSVP to: mssipple1@gmail.com. Packagers needed also. Adults only (high school and older). There is no charge for this event. Please bring one roll of Scotch double-sided tape – all other materials supplied. See you there. ([More](#))

Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — **The Venue:** Located at 1405 5th Ave. in Moline, we would like to say thank you to all Rock Island Arsenal personnel – bring in your Arsenal ID/badge on Mondays and receive a 20 percent discount on food and soda (this excludes family feast special). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 18th Street in Bettendorf. **Chocolate Manor:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off their total purchase on any of our award winning homemade chocolates at 110 E. 2nd St., Davenport, just show your ID. **Roosters Sports Bar and Grill:** All military and civilian's get 10 percent off their bill. Come head down for lunch at 2130 3rd St., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

Arsenal Traffic/Construction



Parking Lot Restriping to Occur From August through October

During **August through October** DPW will be restriping parking lots on the installation. This will include improvements for accessible parking near visitor locations as discussed here: • Convert existing visitor parking spaces into accessible spaces in Lot 1R, the courtyard of Bldg. 110. Spaces will serve health clinic patrons. • Convert open parking into two accessible spaces in the NE corner of Lot 1O. Spaces will serve visitors to the ball fields and events in Memorial Park. • Convert open parking in lot 1U into a total of four accessible spaces; two located near the newer accessible playground and two located near the pavilion. Spaces will serve Memorial Field visitors. Striping in other parking lots will be similar to existing. Striping will be done during times when parking lots are typically vacant and cones or warnings will be posted in work areas.

Bridge Closures for Washing

Traffic will be effected during washing operations on the Government Bridge, Rock Island Viaduct and Moline Bridge. • Rock Island Viaduct: One lane closure on **Aug. 10 & 11** (8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. both days). Traffic will be allowed in both directions. A flagman will direct traffic. The American Discovery Trail will be closed for pedestrian traffic during the cleaning. • Moline Bridge: One lane closure on **Aug. 12, 13, & 14** (8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. all three days). Traffic will be allowed in both directions. A flagman will direct traffic. • Government Bridge: Complete closure to vehicle and pedestrians on **Aug. 15 & 16** (6 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days) Barricades and signs will be used to warn and control traffic.

Building Demolition Notification

The Rock Island Arsenal Garrison began demolition of eight structures on July 27, which will last until Sunday, **Jan. 31**. Buildings 82, 105 and 157 will have temporary fencing with warning signs around the site perimeter during demolition. The other buildings are remote or away from public encroachment and will not be fenced, but signs will be installed warning of the demolition. Demolition of Bldg. 82 will occur approximately Monday, **Aug. 17-28**. Demolition of Bldg. 157 is planned for Monday, **Aug. 31**, through Friday, **Oct. 2**; during this building demolition the east section of Parking Lot 1K will be closed. Reserved parking impacted by this project will be relocated as close to the entrance of Bldg. 110 as possible. Specific dates for demolition of other buildings are not known at this time. Pedestrians and drivers should not enter demolition zones and should be vigilant of extra traffic and equipment during demolition.

Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians

"Sidewalk Closed" signs have been erected at either end of the Rock Island Viaduct sidewalk. These signs were placed because of the tripping hazard that the condition of the sidewalk presents. Attached illustration indicates the suggested alternative route (STR276 American Discovery Trail and Pedestrian Bridge) during the closure.

Building/Space Closures



Elevator Closures in Bldg. 390

Effective July 27, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, took the freight elevator out of service in Bldg. 390. Closure is required to install new upgrades which will allow the elevator to be used as both a freight and passenger elevator. Duration of work is expected to last approximately two months. Upon completion of work, the freight elevator will be placed back into service and the passenger elevator will then be taken out of service to allow for upgrades and modernization. Completion of work on the passenger elevator is expected to be complete by the end of October. ASC Pamphlet 690-2 provides the policies and procedures to be used when the elevators are out of service.

Active Duty/Reserve Zone



Military Family Fun Night

Attention military families – round up the kids and bring the whole family out for a night of fun and food Saturday, **Aug. 22**, at 3 p.m., at Longview Park & Whitewater Junction, courtesy of Army Community Service and our sponsor, the Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. The picnic starts at 3 p.m. and will include lots of fun games and activities followed by swimming at Whitewater Junction from 6-8 p.m. All of this is free to military and their families but you must register by **Aug. 16** by calling 309-782-3049 or emailing jennifer.a.kerr10.civ@mail.mil. ([Flyer](#))

Putnam Museum is a Blue Star Member Institution

The Putnam is now one of more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense. Any active duty military personnel including National Guard and Reserve, and up to five family members, receive free admission to the Museum and Science Center **Memorial Day through Labor Day**. "We are honored and excited to be able to bring this program to our Quad Cities Military families," said President and CEO Kim Findlay. "Through our participation in the Blue Star Museums program, we are able to show our continued support for all our active military and thank them for their hard work and sacrifices." Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. The program provides families an opportunity to enjoy the nation's cultural heritage and learn more about their new communities after a military move. The complete list of participating museums is available at arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums.



Military 4-H Scrapbooking SPIN Club

Explore, Engage, Innovate... the world of scrapbooking. Take photos you have and create a scrapbook that will last a lifetime. Each month youth will learn a new scrapbooking technique and create a page. Snacks will be at each meeting. Eligibility includes military youth, ages 12-18. This program will meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month, **Feb. 18 to Dec. 16**, 5:30-7 p.m., in the Cassion Room, in Bldg. 60. Cost includes a supply fee of \$20; non-4-H members add a \$20 program fee (fee waivers available upon request). [Register online today!](#) Or for more information call the University of Illinois Extension, Rock Island County 4-H Office at 309-756-9978. University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate call 309-756-9978 at least two weeks in advance.

Battle for the Rock

The Battle for the Rock - Modern Army Combatives Program Tournament, sponsored by Army Sustainment Command and First Army, will take place **Sept. 12** at the Rock Island Arsenal Fitness Center kicking off at 8 a.m. Championship bouts starting will be 2-4 p.m., with the awards presentation immediately following last bout. Participants should include Soldiers and teams on Rock Island Arsenal and in the general area. (Team size will not exceed 14 Soldiers; teams can have a maximum of two fighters per weight class). Registration forms must be received no later than **Sept. 10**. Weigh-ins will be **Sept. 11**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the Fitness Center. All registrations must be scanned and emailed to david.r.stephenson8.mil@mail.mil or mailed to United States Army Sustainment Command, WODA USA SUSTAINMENT CMD, 390 / Rm HHC Command Suite Basement SW, Rock Island, IL 61299, ATTN: SFC Stephenson. For more information call 309-782-3234.



Safety Spotlight



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Motorcycle Riding Courses

The Garrison Safety Office is offering Motorcycle Riding Courses for military personnel. The motorcycle rider training program is certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The courses are designed to help riders manage their risk and increase their skills through riding and classroom instruction. Per DODI 6055.4, DOD Traffic Safety Program, military personnel who operate motorcycles must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways and must have successfully completed an approved rider or operator safety course meeting the MSF-based State-approved curriculum. Any military member operating a motorcycle on or off Rock Island Arsenal must be in possession of a MSF card when they ride to verify completion of required training. The motorcycle training courses at RIA are scheduled as follows:

- Military Sport Bike Riding Course: **Sept. 22** (one eight-hour day)
- Basic Motorcycle Riding Course: **Sept. 23-24** (two eight-hour days)

Registration for courses is through the web-based "AIRS" system at

<https://imc.army.mil/airs/default.aspx>

Note: Each course is limited to 12 riders. If a minimum number of riders is not realized or if a need for a particular class is greater than the number of classes scheduled, a class may be cancelled or shifted. If the need exists for additional classes or you need further information please contact either Nancy Carlson or Michael Chaplin via phone extension 309-782-1380 or via email nancy.l.carlson.civ@mail.mil or michael.j.chaplin.civ@mail.mil, respectfully.

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



There are no announcements at this time.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs.

First Friday Social

Join your Island colleagues Friday, **Aug. 7**, 4-7 p.m., on the lawn of Quarters One (inclement weather location will be inside the golf clubhouse) for a fun evening of appetizers, drinks, networking, and socializing and karaoke. This event is open to the entire RIA workforce and the general public so bring your friends, family, neighbors, mail man... whoever, just come out and have fun with us. Call 309-782-4372 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

Circa 21 Presents: Boeing-Boeing

This French farce features self-styled Parisian Lothario, Bernard, who has an Italian, German, and American fiancées, each beautiful airline hostesses with frequent "layovers." He keeps "one up, one down and one pending" until unexpected schedule changes bring all three to Paris and Bernard's apartment at the same time. You won't believe what happens next! Discounted seats available until **Aug. 21** for \$46.

Date: **Saturday, Aug. 29**

Time: **5:45 p.m.**

Waves of Honor

Waves of Honor SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment - We Salute Veterans! A one-time limited free admission to either Sea World San Diego or San Antonio per veteran service member and up to three guests. Go to WavesofHonor.com to register for and obtain your free tickets. *These tickets must be obtained online only*

Cubs vs. Cardinals Bus Trip

MWR Leisure Travel has a Cubs vs. Cardinals bus trip scheduled. Cost will be \$99 per person to include transportation and ticket to game. Seats are located in Upper Deck Box Outfield. Departing from RIA at 6 a.m. from the COL Davenport Pavilion. Limited alcohol permitted on chartered bus. Coolers must fit under the seats and not block the aisle. No glass bottles. No smoking permitted on motor coach. Estimated return time will be 8 p.m. ([Flyer](#))

Date: **Saturday, Sept. 19**

Time: **12:05 p.m.**

Chicago/Schaumburg Attractions

Experience the best that Chicago has to offer for less with the Top 5 Attraction Pass. This savings pass is your ticket to getting the most out of the must-see attractions in Chicago. Shedd Aquarium, Skydeck Chicago, The Field Museum, Museum of Science and Industry - Chicago, John Hancock Observatory, Adler Planetarium, Art Institute of Chicago. Adult MWR \$83, Gate \$96; Child MWR \$68.50, Gate \$79.

Discount Amusement Park Tickets and More at Leisure Travel

Memorial Day is the unofficial kick off to summer and Leisure Travel has discounts on all kinds of summer activities. Whether you are looking to book a cruise, need help finding a hotel, or just want to ride the rides at Adventureland or Six Flags Great America, Leisure Travel is the place to start. Call 309-782-5890, stop by the office in Bldg. 333 (next to the PX), or [visit our webpage](#) for more info and prices.

Disney LIVE! Three Classic Fairy Tales

Join Mickey, Minnie, Donald and Goofy as they take audiences on a captivating journey and magically bring to life three timeless fairy tale adventures. Discover Snow White as she searches for her one true love; Cinderella getting ready for her magical night at the ball; and Belle, from Beauty and the Beast, as she finds happiness in the most unusual place. Anchored amidst a transforming set, captivating choreography, innovative lighting and breathtaking costumes, this authentically-woven tale of "happily-ever-after" is a heart-warming Disney experience for the entire family. Children One & older need a ticket. Leisure Travel has discounted seats for both performances. Show times at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Seats on sale until **Oct. 9**.

Date: **Friday, Oct. 16**

2015 Adventureland Tickets

Leisure Travel has discounted 2015 admission tickets on sale. Gate price for Adult is \$40; Child is \$35; MWR is \$32. Two years and under free admission.

Davenport Cinemark 53rd 18 + IMAX Theatre

Leisure Travel is selling Platinum Supersaver Prepaid Admission Tickets to Davenport Cinemark 53rd 18 + IMAX theatre (formally 53rd cinemas and RAVE cinemas) These tickets have no restrictions or expiration date.

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Child, Youth & School Services



NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition

CYSS is hosting a local NFL Punt Pass and Kick competition Saturday, **Aug. 22**, 10 a.m., at the Cannon Flats Rec. Area (Moline Gate), for children ages 6-15. This is a free event for all children, military and civilian. Participants must [register online](#) or stop at the School Age Center in Bldg. 150 to fill out a paper form. The top finishers in each age group will advance to a sectional competition. Call 309-782-0511 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

Covenant Cottage Child Development Home

Covenant Cottage Child Development Home is available for backup, emergency, and hourly care for ages four weeks through 12 years. The home is located on post and is open from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Army Family Covenant Guidelines state deployed Soldiers are entitled to 16 hours free respite childcare per child, per month. For reservations call 309-782-6793. We encourage you to call as far in advance as possible because spaces fill quickly.

Army Community Service



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; [Visit our ACS website](#) or phone 309-782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. [Find us on Facebook click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: **309-229-8412**.

Financial Fitness Week Classes

Join us, Monday-Friday, **Aug. 17-21**, 12-1 p.m., in the ACS Training Room, for a week of free lunch time financial classes with your Accredited Financial Counselor®. For more information or to RSVP call 309-782-0829 or email usarmy.RIA.imcom-central.mbx.usag-acs@mail.mil. Check out the flyer for more info on class topics. ([Flyer](#))

Employee Assistance Program



ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor; visit our [ASAP/EAP website](#) or phone 309-782-4357 or 309-782-HELP. Office hours are from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After Hour Emergencies: 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly. In addition, [a list of our classes & groups with dates, locations, and times, is located here](#). [Find us on Facebook click here](#).

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder – August 2015

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder has been receiving greater attention in recent years as reports of the high incidence of the disorder among military service members returning from deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan have increased awareness. However, people experiencing a traumatic experience in a war zone are not the only people who can develop PTSD. PTSD affects approximately eight percent of the United States population. Between a quarter and one-third of people who experience a significant trauma will develop PTSD (*National Center for PTSD*). Significant traumas can come from an assault or violent attack, combat, natural disaster, or vehicle crash. Symptoms of PTSD, which can occur any time after the event, include: re-experiencing the event, having recurring nightmares, avoiding reminders of the event, being less responsive, feeling detached and less interested in life activities, increased arousal, having angry outbursts, or difficulty sleeping (*National Center for PTSD*). The good news is if you or someone you know has been experiencing symptoms such as those described above, treatment is available. The Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program invites you to take advantage of free and confidential counseling and referral services. Schedule an appointment with an EAP counselor by calling 309-782-4357. Masters-level counselors can provide information, short-term counseling, and referral services. If you have any questions about PTSD, talk it over with a trained professional at the EAP. You can also access an anonymous screening at www.militarymentalhealth.org.

Education/Training Review



The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: 309-782-2065 Fax: 309-782-7901. [Please visit our website to learn more](#).

Date Change for the Annual Commencement Recognition Ceremony

The Rock Island Arsenal Army Education Center will host the Annual Commencement Recognition Ceremony Wednesday, **Sept. 9**, in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The ceremony begins at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow. Any Soldier who has graduated during FY15 is encouraged to participate. The purpose of the ceremony is to provide an occasion for service members to express pride in their academic accomplishments and for the Department of the Army to acknowledge the same. Please contact the Education Center at 309-782-2065.

Employment-Education Event at Rock Island Arsenal – Sept. 29

Mark your calendars now – the Directorate of Human Resources, U.S. Army Garrison, will be hosting the Semi-Annual Employment-Education Event, on Tuesday, **Sept. 29**, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. Soldiers, veterans, and family members are the target audience for this great event. More than 50-employers from throughout the Midwest as well as many academic institutions and Veterans Service Organizations are expected to be in attendance. In the past, there were valid job offers made as a result of this event. Employers may have jobs available in locations nation-wide as well as in the Quad Cities area and throughout the Midwest. This event represents a great opportunity for employers to review resumes, interview candidates, and potentially hire separating active duty, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers, Retirees, veterans, and family members. Please come ready; have resumes to hand out and be appropriately dressed for a possible interview. Academic institutions will have experts on hand to provide information on programs of study as well as on the GI Bill and scholarship opportunities, for both local and online classes. They will provide information regarding educational opportunities for Soldiers, veterans, and family members. Veterans Service Organizations will be available to assist with resources, benefit information, and resume development. If you are an active duty or retired service member or eligible family member and would like individual resume or interview training prior to attending this event, you may contact [Chris Gegenheimer](#), Army Community Services, at 309-782-0815. Any questions about the event can be directed to [Sharon Lampert](#) at 309-782-7780 or [Lafayette Ausborn](#), 309-782-4799. Don't let this great opportunity pass you by!

Area Schools to Visit RIA

The [Army Continuing Education Systems Rock Island Arsenal](#) is coordinating with Quad-City area schools to have them visit with eligible Ed Center patrons where they will meet with school representatives and learn about educational opportunities in the Quad Cities. These visits will take place in Bldg. 56, Room 121, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The schedule for this fiscal year is: • Eastern Iowa Community College, **Sept. 3**; • Kaplan University **Aug. 13**; • Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, **Aug. 20**; • Upper Iowa University **Aug. 12**.

Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange



The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only. There are exceptions for select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you! Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [HERE](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com ([Facebook](#))

Commissary Reformers Eye Repeal Of 'Cost-Plus-5 Percent' Pricing

Defense officials appear ready to ask Congress to repeal a law that commissaries must sell products at cost plus five percent, a formula that for decades has ensured commissary shoppers everywhere pay the same prices. Officials have drafted a replacement formula that would allow prices to vary from store to store to meet a new twin goal: reducing taxpayer support for commissaries while

maintaining still attractive savings for patrons. Variable pricing would seek to keep savings consistent across the commissary system by pegging local commissary prices for a market basket of goods at some target percentage level below prices of “lowest-price” competitors nearby such as Wal-Mart stores. ([More](#))

Commissaries Host Healthy Lifestyle Festivals This Summer

Most commissaries worldwide are once again hosting the Healthy Lifestyle Festival this summer, featuring our ever-popular farmers markets. In addition, morale, welfare and recreation services will offer a variety of fitness events for children and adults, and the exchanges will offer their popular sidewalk sales with fitness shoes and apparel specials, sports equipment and bicycles. Please [click here](#) to view the Healthy Lifestyle Festival on our website. We hope you'll bookmark this page and check it often for additions or changes. .



Arsenal Archive



Information for the Arsenal Archive is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Aug. 3-9:

On Aug. 3, 1865, Col. Thomas J. Rodman assumed command of the RIA. Later he was promoted to brigadier general. He died June 7, 1871. In August 1911, the first Shop Planning Section was established in the front bay, first floor of Shop G. On Aug. 5, 1907, Lt. Col. Frank E. Hobbs became commanding officer of the RIA.



Healthbeat



Keep In Step to Stay Active and Healthy

Get up, get out and get moving! This is what the World Health Organization recommends as part of their global strategy on physical health and activity. Regular physical activity can reduce your risk of hypertension, diabetes and depression, and it can improve your bone health and cardiorespiratory and muscular fitness. As the summer season ends, do not let the changes in weather and daylight keep you from staying active. Commit to maintaining your health through regular activity during all the seasons of the year by not limiting your idea of physical activity. Leisure time events, transportation, occupational tasks, household chores, play, games, sports, and planned exercise throughout your daily, family and community activities all count. According to Army colonel David Bitterman, "Your work hours and family commitments may challenge you, but it is all about making a decision to take control of your own life, and sticking with it. It's about rounding up your family on the weekends and visiting Enchanted Rock State Park, or walking the Mission Reach Trail, or playing soccer with your kids instead of watching them play." ([More](#))

Protection Against Infectious Diseases

The recent measles outbreak at Disneyland along with the rate of vaccine refusal by parents has started a national debate on immunizations (also known as "vaccines" or "shots"). These events have raised questions, such as: Am I protected/immune to diseases? How do I develop protection/immunity? Are there vaccines to prevent me from getting diseases? Vaccines against disease are said to be one of the greatest public health interventions of the 20th century. Although vaccination is seen as a major achievement in health and wellness around the world, the discussion about vaccines continues. There is a distinct difference between vaccination and immunization although the terms are often used interchangeably. In a nutshell, vaccines cause immunization. Vaccination is the injection of a killed or weakened organism like a virus, bacteria or parasite that causes a particular disease or set of diseases. It produces immunity (protection) in the body against the organism so it cannot cause illness or it decreases the seriousness of an illness. ([More](#))

Experts Recommend Breastfeeding as Best Choice for Mother, Baby Health

Are you a military mom and want to keep breastfeeding your baby after you return to duty? Be encouraged by the fact that breastfeeding is the natural way to feed your baby. It advances your baby's physical and mental growth and development, and also benefits your health. In fact, Aug. 1-7 is World Breastfeeding Week, a combined effort recognized every year in more than 120 countries to bring awareness to the benefits of breastfeeding. The focus of the week is to promote exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months because of the many health benefits linked to breastfeeding. Many highly respected organizations, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American Public Health Association, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and the World Health Organization recognize breastfeeding as the best choice for a mother and her baby's health. ([More](#))



Notes for Veterans



Changes Afoot At Iowa City Veteran Affairs Hospital

The Iowa City Veterans Affairs Hospital is getting a facelift. On a Monday morning conference call with reporters, Iowa City VA officials outlined a number of construction projects at the facility, which provides services to more than 184,000 veterans living in 50 counties in Eastern Iowa, Western Illinois and Northern Missouri. The hospital has just started construction on a new, 12,000 square-foot-treatment center, modeled after a new nationwide U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs initiative — the Patient Aligned Care Team, or PACT, model, which focuses on team-based, coordinated care. Iowa City VA officials said the \$8.7 million building will put the veteran's primary care physician, case manager, nurse and clerk in the same space, allowing veterans to touch base with the different members of their primary care teams in one location rather than at different spots throughout Coralville and Iowa City. ([More](#))

McCain Bill Would Let All Veterans Seek Care Outside VA

Just before Congress leaves town for a month, Sen. John McCain introduced a bill Thursday that could increase the controversy over how to fix the Department of Veterans Affairs, proposing that all veterans be eligible to have private care paid for by their VA insurance. Currently, veterans who live more than 40 miles from a VA facility and those who face long wait times can apply to seek medical care in the private sector on their VA insurance. That was part of the Veterans Access,

Choice and Accountability Act of 2014, a three-year pilot program that McCain, R-Ariz., championed as a way to give veterans faster, more convenient access to health care and to make it easier to fire senior VA officials. ([More](#))

Around the Q.C.



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Aug. 4-9: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)
Aug. 7-8: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Aug. 13-15: [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)
Aug. 15: [Graduation Destination, Take the Journey, Finish It!](#) (River's Edge, 700 W. River Drive, Davenport)
Aug. 15: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)
Aug. 21-23: [Tribute to Our Fallen](#) (Davenport Memorial Park)
Aug. 22: [2nd Annual LIVEFIT with Lupus Golf Outing](#) (Palmer Hills)
Aug. 28-29: [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Aug. 28-30: [World Series of Dragracing](#) (Cordova Dragway, Cordova, Ill.)
Aug. 29: [Art Exhibit and Wine Tasting "all white attire"](#) (Rock Event Center, Coal Valley, Ill.)
Sept. 5-6: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
Sept. 5-7: [Labor Day Weekend Pow Wow](#) (Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island)
Sept. 11: [Salute to First Responders - featuring Singer/Songwriter Rissi Palmer](#) (Col Ballroom, 1012 W 4th St, Davenport)
Sept. 12: [Battle for the Rock](#) (RIA Fitness Center)
Sept. 12: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 12: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)
Sept. 12: QC Talent Show (QC Music Guild, Rock Island)
Sept. 12-13: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 18-19: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
Sept. 19: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Sept. 19-20: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Sept. 27: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (downtown Moline)
Sept. 25-27: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)
Oct. 3: [Gigi's Run](#) (Veteran's Memorial Park, Bettendorf)
Oct. 4: [SmokeEater Scramble](#) (Riverdale, Iowa)
Oct. 10: [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (Mississippi River in Moline)
Oct. 11: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)
Oct. 29: [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Oct. 24: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Nov. 20-29: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
Nov. 21: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 21: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)
Dec. 4-6: [Heartland Emergency Response Conference Expo](#) (QCCA)

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